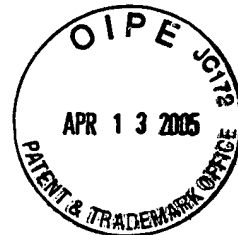




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1. U.S. Published Application No. 2002/098081 A1
2. Great Britain Patent Application No. 701 551 A
3. Patent Abstract of Japan No. 2000 199433 A
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,549,449 A
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,050,775 A

Document 1

Document 1 is in the English language.

In the European Search Report Fig. 1 of Document 1 was cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1, 3, 6.

Document 2

Document 2 is in the English language.

In the European Search Report Fig. 8, 9 and column 3, line 74 - line 87 of Document 2 were cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1, 3, 6.

Document 3

In the European Search Report Fig. 5, 6 and abstract of Document 3 were cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1, 3, 6, 8.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 3, other than an English language abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To ensure good pressure-charge performance and enhance reliability, while reducing cost. SOLUTION: A large-diameter disc portion 37c of a roller pin member 37 is formed so that a radius of curvature r_2 of its outer peripheral surface is equivalent to a radius of curvature r_1 of both side surfaces of an arm 40b of an open/close lever 40. When the open/close lever 40 abuts to the large-diameter disc portion 37c, the outer peripheral surface of the large-diameter disc portion 37c is in

snug alignment with one side surface of the arm 40b. The large-diameter disc portion 37c is installed between two adjacent open/close levers 40, whose circular movements either in the forward or backward direction are in synchronism with each other, so that it controls a fully-open angle of a nozzle vane 39 when it abuts to one of the two open/close levers 40, and a fully-closed angle of the nozzle vane 39 when it abuts to the other of the two open/close levers 40.

Document 4

Document 4 is in the English language.

In the European Search Report Fig. 3 of Document 4 was cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1, 6.

Document 5

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In the European Search Report Fig. 1, 5 of Document 5 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1, 7.

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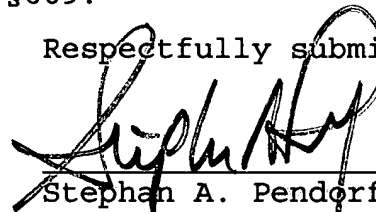
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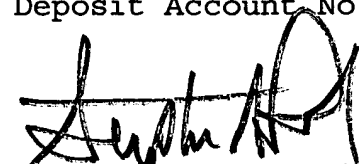
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